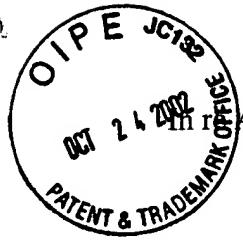


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:

Examiner: Jennifer Kolb Michener

Wouter E. Roorda et al.

Serial No.: 09/894,293

Art Unit: 1762

Filed: June 27, 2001

Title: Methods of Coating an Implantable Device

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Kolb Michener:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2002, which has a statutorily shortened period for a response that ended on September 26, 2002. Enclosed is a Petition for a one month extension of time, extending the period to respond to October 28, 2002.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made the claims and specification.

The attached enclosure is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 3, 6, 7, 19 and 23 have been ~~can~~canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 13, 17, 18 and 20-22 have been amended. New Claims ~~24-35~~ have been added. The italicized claims are the remaining claims which have not been amended and are provided for the Examiner's reading convenience.

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1. (Amended) A method of coating a stent, comprising the steps of:  
increasing the temperature of the stent to a temperature greater than ambient temperature;  
applying a coating substance onto the stent after the increasing step; and

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as show below.

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	30	23	7	X \$18.00	\$126.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	3	1	X \$84.00	\$84.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$210.00

- ☐ No additional fee is required for amendment.
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